

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

May 12, 2010

President Kent Grieder called the Regular Meeting of the Southern Lyon County USD #252 Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at the Board of Education Office in Hartford, Kansas.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kent Grieder, Craig Clark, Kevin Flott, Bill Veatch, Jeanette Schmidt, Kenny Hamman and Charles Steffes

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

SUPERINTENDENT:

Michael Argabright

CLERK:

Brenda Redeker

VISITORS:

Curtis Simons, Bill Warner, Shane Clark, Bill Folsom, Robert M. Johnson, Ruth Heinrichs, Bill Sailors, Edwin Church, Phyllis Krueger, Kelly Atherton, Mary Stead, Carol Ann McCarthy, Joyce Wilson, Mike Darbyshire, Dennis Darbyshire, Jenny Grieder, Brian Creager, Penny Watson, Bill Ballinger and Matt Walker present.

Superintendent Argabright added changes to the Agenda: additions to **Item 3. f.** Additional Transfer Students; **Item 3. h.** Acceptance of Donations – Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line donated \$200 to the Olpe High School Library; **Item 3. i.** Resignations – Tracy Herrick, Michelle Stewart, Deanne McGuire and Angela Swihart; and **Item 14. a.** Milk Bid.

Jeanette Schmidt (Kenny Hamman) moved to approve the Agenda with amendments as presented.
Motion Passed. (7-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approved Minutes from the April 14, 2010 Regular Meeting with the corrections of adding *Rebecca Surmeier* and *Jessica Hess* to the list of District Certified/Licensed Renewals for the 2010-11 school year
- b. Approved Journal Entries
- c. Approved Payrolls for April 23, 2010 and May 7, 2010
- d. Approved Pledge Securities, Building Activity and Petty Cash Accounts
- e. Approved Wellness Policy
- f. Approved Transfer Students for the 2010-11 School Year: ***Olpe Schools*** – *Cassidy Anderson, Chase Coble, Aries Countryman, Caleb Cox, Aubrey Hammond, Kevin Heineken II, Kerina*

Heineken, Bryan Heineken, Jacob Heins, Kelsey Hendricks, Mia Kingsley, Maycee Kingsley, Haley Kingsley, Amber Malone, Hayden Pauls, Braxton Pauls, Hayley Naylor, Brayden Weiss and Haylee Weiss; Hartford High School/Neosho Rapids Jr. High School – Keenan Barrett, Rebecca Sanders and Tamara Tyner; Neosho Rapids Elementary School – Drayden Butterfield, Braxton Eckman and Cyrus Eckman

- g. Approved Substitute and Emergency Substitute Teacher – *Joseph Reed*
- h. Approved Donation of \$200.00 from Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line to the Olpe High School Library
- i. Approved Resignations – *Tracy Herrick* – Olpe Jr. High Cheerleading Sponsor and Freshman Class Sponsor; *Michelle Stewart* – Olpe Sophomore Class Sponsor; *Deanna McGuire* – Neosho Rapids Jr. High Girls Volleyball Coach; and *Angela Swihart* – Hartford Forensic Sponsor

Bill Veatch (Charles Steffes) moved to approve the Consent Agenda with **Item 3 b. Bills** pulled for discussion. Motion Passed. (7-0)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

A couple of bills were discussed for clarification.

Jeanette Schmidt (Kevin Flott) moved to approve the Bills as presented. Motion Passed. (6-1) with Bill Veatch opposing.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

President Grieder thanked all patrons for coming to the meeting and that “Comments from the Public” would be taken with a limit of two minutes each. Patrons were to speak their name and address. Those expressing their opinions and concerns were: *Brian Creager* – Olpe (representing a group of concerned patrons) - Complimented the Board on “staying the course” and that no negative comments were heard on the decision of pay-to-play and to let parents know if they can do anything to help the schools.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Superintendent Argabright presented the Financial Reports and explained them in detail. An updated 2010-11 Action Items sheet was presented with savings and estimated savings.

Jeanette Schmidt (Kenny Hamman) moved to approve the Financial Reports as presented. Motion Passed. (7-0)

PERSONNEL

President Grieder (Bill Veatch) moved to recess into executive session at 7:23 p.m. to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed for 5 minutes with the Board and Superintendent present. Motion Passed. (7-0)

Clerk Redeker, Curtis Simons, Bill Warner, Shane Clark, Bill Folsom, Robert M. Johnson, Ruth Heinrichs, Bill Sailors, Edwin Church, Phyllis Krueger, Kelly Atherton, Mary Stead, Carol Ann McCarthy, Joyce Wilson, Mike Darbyshire, Dennis Darbyshire, Jenny Grieder, Brian Creager, Penny Watson, Bill Ballinger and Matt Walker left the room.

Bill Folsom, Robert M. Johnson, Ruth Heinrichs, Bill Sailors and Edwin Church left the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

At 7:28 p.m. President Grieder declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker, Curtis Simons, Bill Warner, Shane Clark, Phyllis Krueger, Kelly Atherton, Mary Stead, Carol Ann McCarthy, Joyce Wilson, Mike Darbyshire, Dennis Darbyshire, Jenny Grieder, Brian Creager, Penny Watson, Bill Ballinger and Matt Walker returning.

Principal Curtis Simons presented and recommended Supplemental Contracts for the 2010-11 school year for: *Patrick Gardner, Sapenara Scott, Lance Bolen, Angela Swihart, Yvonne Gardner, Tammy Windle, Amy Wilson, Raysha Zweimiller, Brenda Taylor, Dan Erb, Jane Kelley, Marie Walker, Dustin McGuire, Dana Cole, Paul Cassity, Carson Stubbs, Tammy Wilson, Rebecca Surmeier, Melissa Laws, Martha McMurphy, Penny Watson, Russell Medley, Stephanie Dall and Holly Thomsen.*

Bill Veatch (Craig Clark) moved to approve the Supplemental Contracts for Neosho Rapids Jr. High and Hartford High School and Neosho Rapids Elementary School for the 2010-11 school year as presented. Motion Passed. (7-0)

President Grieder (Craig Clark) moved to recess into executive session at 7:39 p.m. to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed for 5 minutes with the Board, Superintendent and Principal Clark present. Motion Passed. (7-0)

Clerk Redeker, Curtis Simons, Bill Warner, Phyllis Krueger, Kelly Atherton, Mary Stead, Carol Ann McCarthy, Joyce Wilson, Mike Darbyshire, Dennis Darbyshire, Jenny Grieder, Brian Creager, Penny Watson, Bill Ballinger and Matt Walker left the room.

At 7:44 p.m. President Grieder declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker returning.

President Grieder (Craig Clark) moved to recess into executive session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed for 5 minutes with the Board, Superintendent and Principal Clark present. Motion Passed. (7-0)

Clerk Redeker left the room.

At 7:50 p.m. President Grieder declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker returning.

President Grieder (Craig Clark) moved to recess into executive session at 7:51 p.m. to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed for 5 minutes with the Board, Superintendent and Principal Clark present. Motion Passed. (7-0)

Clerk Redeker left the room.

At 7:56 p.m. President Grieder declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker returning.

President Grieder (Craig Clark) moved to recess into executive session at 7:57 p.m. to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed for 5 minutes with the Board, Superintendent and Principal Clark present. Motion Passed. (7-0)

Clerk Redeker left the room.

Rick Bridges arrived at the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

At 8:02 p.m. President Grieder declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker returning.

Principal Shane Clark presented and recommended Supplemental Contracts for the 2010-11 school year for: *Chris Schmidt, Terry Smith, Marilyn Stueve, Monica Countryman, Tom Camien, Tracy Herrick, Jessica Hess, Todd Robert, Jeff Herrick, Carolyn Davis, Jesse Nelson, Eric True, Anne Otte, Megan McGuire, Debbie J. Redeker, Shannon Schlotterbeck, Jacob Stice, Rebecca Fawcett, Lisa Brinkman and Gennifer Birk.*

Charles Steffes (Kevin Flott) moved to approve the Supplemental Contracts for Olpe Jr./Sr. High School and Olpe Elementary School for the 2010-11 school year as presented. Motion Passed. (7-0)

Bill Ballinger made recommendations for summer student workers and substitute workers to work up to 30 hours per week at minimum wage.

Matt Walker presented Chris Moomey as a summer technology assistant working up to 30 hours per week at minimum wage.

Bill Veatch (Kenny Hamman) moved to approve Keenan Kirby, Trey Stead, Austin Hogan, Dakota Benton, Shelby Stout and Bradley Argabright. *Substitutes (fill in as needed)* - Mitchell Argabright, Adam Kirby, Brandi Siebenaler, Kendyl McDougal, Alex Kuhlmann, Trey Edwards, Matt Bridges as summer part-time Maintenance employees at minimum wage and Chris Moomey Technology employee at minimum wage. Motion Passed. (7-0)

Superintendent Argabright recommended hiring Penny Watson for summer help at the Board Office at a wage of \$10.00 per hour.

Bill Veatch (Kevin Flott) moved to hire Penny Watson as summer help at the Board Office at a wage of \$10.00 per hour. Motion Passed. (7-0)

Principal Curtis Simons recommended Carson Stubbs as the K-12 Counselor /Teacher for the 2010-11 school year. He was highly recommended.

Bill Veatch (Charles Steffes) moved to approve Carson Stubbs as K-12 Counselor/Teacher for the 2010-11 school year. Motion Passed. (7-0)

President Grieder (Jeanette Schmidt) moved to recess into executive session at 8:16 p.m. to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individuals to be discussed for 5 minutes with the Board and Superintendent present. Motion Passed. (7-0)

Clerk Redeker, Curtis Simons, Bill Warner, Phyllis Krueger, Kelly Atherton, Mary Stead, Carol Ann McCarthy, Joyce Wilson, Mike Darbyshire, Dennis Darbyshire, Jenny Grieder, Brian Creager, Penny Watson, Bill Ballinger, Matt Walker and Rick Bridges left the room.

At 8:21 p.m. President Grieder declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker, Curtis Simons, Bill Warner, Phyllis Krueger, Kelly Atherton, Mary Stead, Carol Ann McCarthy, Joyce Wilson, Mike Darbyshire, Dennis Darbyshire, Jenny Grieder, Brian Creager, Penny Watson, Bill Ballinger, Matt Walker and Rick Bridges returning.

2010-11 STUDENT HANDBOOK CHANGES

Principal Shane Clark presented the changes to the Jr./Sr. High School Student Handbook. Raising expectations for Graduation Dress Codes was discussed at length.

Charles Steffes (Kent Grieder) moved to approve the 2010-11 Jr./Sr. High Student Handbook changes as

presented. Motion Passed. (7-0)

Principal Bill Warner presented changes to the Elementary School Student Handbook.

Jeanette Schmidt (Kevin Flott) moved to approve the 2010-11 Elementary Student Handbook changes as presented. Motion Passed. (7-0)

Student Handbooks are in the Student Planners for grades 5-12 and an electronic copy will be available for parents of Elementary students on the District Web page.

TECHNOLOGY

Matt Walker presented an update on the Promethean Boards. Matt Walker and Bill Ballinger have been preparing the classroom walls for the Boards and installation will begin next week. Superintendent Argabright commended them on their efforts to get this completed before the end of the school year and staff for their patience and understanding.

Bill Veatch (Kenny Hamman) moved to approve the Promethean Board Bid to Haddock Corporation at a cost of \$125,419.00 which includes the equipment and installation and will be paid from the Jones Fund Grant and the TRC Grant. Motion Passed. (7-0)

Areas up for rotation are: a. Teacher Workstations at Hartford High School; b. Teacher Workstations at Neosho Rapids Elementary School; c. Desktops for the Olpe High School Library; Hartford High School Server and other servers will be examined for upgrades if funds are available. Summer Rotation Plan purchases would be paid out of the Small Rural Grant.

Kevin Flott (Bill Veatch) moved to approve Rotation Plans for Teacher Workstations at Hartford, Teacher Workstations at Neosho Rapids and desktop computers for the Olpe High School Library at a total cost of \$21,298.04 to be paid out of the Small Rural Grant. Motion Passed. (7-0)

2010-11 CALENDAR

Enrollment dates for the 2010-11 school were not approved at the last board meeting. Suggested dates are: August 5th from 12:30-8:00 p.m. and August 6th from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Bill Veatch (Charles Steffes) moved to approve the enrollment dates of August 5th from 12:30-8:00 p.m. and August 6th from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. for the 2010-11 school year. Motion Passed. (7-0)

BUILDING REPORTS

Principal Curtis Simons reported that 12 students took the ASSET test at the Flint Hills Technical College in order to qualify for the Dual Credit or online college courses for the next school year. The Improvement Plan for next year are the areas of vocabulary, reading, writing, and math. Implementation of the MTSS for grades 7-9 has been discussed. Continuing to work with staff on improving the class line schedule for the 2010-11 school year. There will be approximately \$65,000 in scholarships to be awarded at the Annual Senior Scholarship Night. Principal Simons attended the KSHSAA Board of Directors meeting as a representative for the Lyon County League. KSHSAA cut the membership school dues 50% for the second consecutive year because of economic hardship schools are facing.

Principal Shane Clark reported that the 7-12 music department presented a Rolling Stones and Beatles concert with special thanks to Lisa Brinkman for her hours of practice as the choir's accompanist. Olpe

Jr./Sr. High School will recognize students for their academic achievements on Tuesday evening with nearly 78% of the student body earning at least one academic award. An attempted break-in through the roof hatch at the high school was made. While the break-in was unsuccessful, there was still damage to the roof hatch. Seniors will take finals next Monday and Tuesday with graduation practice on Thursday and Friday as well as formal checkouts for the students. Dustin Malone has been hired by the FHSEC to serve as the 6-12 special education teacher for the 2010-11 school year at Olpe.

Principal Bill Warner reported that the Elementary Schools MAP testing is nearly completed and will administer end-of-year DIBELS tests in grades K-6. With the Promethean boards scheduled to be installed next week, the custodians have been preparing the walls for quick installation. The majority of the elementary teachers have signed up for a summer training session on the Promethean Boards offered through the Jones Institute for Excellence. Deb Kuhlmann has organized a couple of community service type projects at each school. Olpe students will be having a penny war to raise funds to be donated to the Boylen family who lost their home in a fire and Neosho Rapids students will be raising funds for the American Diabetes Association. Promotion for 6th Grade at Olpe Elementary is scheduled for Monday, May 24th at 6:00 p.m. and for Neosho Rapids 6th graders will be recognized during an all-school assembly on Monday, May 24 at 10:30 a.m.

TRANSPORTATION

Superintendent Argabright informed the Board that due to budget cuts rotation plans for the vehicles might be delayed. Up for rotation is a Bus at Hartford, Red Buick Car #1 and the Silver Suburban #18.

ENROLLMENT FEES

Superintendent Argabright presented fee increases for the 2010-11 school year to the Board.

Elementary Fees – Early Start - \$75.00 per semester; **Kindergarten Fees** - \$75.00 per semester; **K-6 Textbooks** - \$85.00 and **K-6 Technology Fee** (*non-refundable*) - \$10.00.

Jr./Sr. High School – Textbook Fees - \$85.00; **Technology** (*non-refundable*) - \$15.00; **Shop Classes** \$30.00 each; **Business Classes** - \$30.00 each; **Online Courses** - \$30.00 each; **Dual Credit Textbook Fee** - \$75.00 (*this is in addition to the normal textbook rental fee*); **7-12 Activity Fee** - \$25.00 (allows students grades 7-12 to get in free to athletic and activity home events – school plays do not apply).

Bill Veatch (Kenny Hamman) moved to approve the enrollment fees for the 2010-11 school year as presented. Motion Passed. (7-0)

FOOD SERVICE REPORT

Phyllis Krueger presented the food service report and recommended Breakfast and Lunch Prices for the 2010-11 school year. Increases would be 10 cent increase for Breakfast, 10 cent increase for Milk, and 25 cent increase for Lunch.

Jeanette Schmidt (Charles Steffes) moved to increase the Breakfast and Lunch prices for the 2010-11 school year as presented. Motion Passed. (7-0)

14 a. MILK BID

A Milk Bid was presented from Dieker Dairy.

Bill Veatch (Charles Steffes) moved to approve the 2010-11 Mike Bid from Dieker Dairy at a cost of .3096 cents per half pint of milk. Motion Passed. (7-0)

FACILITIES

Superintendent Argabright thanked Bob Redeker for volunteering his time and equipment to work and plant the Olpe Football field; John Brinkman for donating fertilizer for the field and Bill Veatch and his crew for all their time working on the Hartford Concessions/Locker Room.

Bill Ballinger presented a list of summer projects and their estimated costs. Mr. Clark presented a plan to increase room in the Olpe Band/Vocal Room by removing a wall and restrooms. Removal of Carpet in Mr. Plunkett's room for more lunch room space. Restroom stalls at Hartford High School and Olpe Elementary need replaced or repaired. Cost estimates for these projects is \$2,000.00. The Goal post at Olpe High School needs repaired; ceiling tile needs replaced in Mr. Ewy and Mrs. Countryman's classrooms; the entrance doors at the Olpe Elementary school needs replaced; Hartford High School entrance to the old gym needs painted; paint stucco and GFCI updated at Neosho Rapids; Tuck point on bricks at the Olpe Cafeteria; front stage area at Olpe needs repaired; additional lime screenings and drainage work on both Olpe and Hartford tracks.

Bill Ballinger also presented the Fire Marshall's report. The District had only a few areas to work on.

Kevin Flott (Bill Veatch) moved to approve all summer repairs except the Olpe Elementary School doors and the tuck point on bricks at the Olpe Cafeteria in order for additional estimates gathered on the projects. Motion Passed. (7-0)

Rick Bridges updated the Board on the progress of the Hartford High School Concessions/Locker Room project. With Bill Veatch's help, 90% of the roof is completed. Next week, the wiring and sheet rock will be started. Rick Bridges will visit with Kyle Trendel (Architect) on the wall issue. Ventilation in the storage room was discussed. It will need two dampers, two fans and two switches. Rick Bridges also thanked everyone for the help with the project. It is appreciated.

Charles Steffes (Bill Veatch) moved to approved up to \$2,500.00 for the dampers, fans and switches for the change order in ventilation in the storage room of the Hartford High School Concessions/Locker Room project. Motion Passed. (7-0)

Superintendent Argabright informed the Board that some gravel has been hauled in around the bus area at Hartford and at the parking areas at Olpe with more gravel needed.

Kevin Flott (Craig Clark) moved to recess for a 5 minute break. Motion Passed. (7-0)

Curtis Simons, Bill Warner, Shane Clark, Phyllis Krueger, Kelly Atherton, Mary Stead, Carol Ann McCarthy, Joyce Wilson, Mike Darbyshire, Dennis Darbyshire, Jenny Grieder, Brian Creager, Penny Watson, Bill Ballinger, Matt Walker and Rick Bridges left the meeting at 9:48 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 9:54 p.m.

NEGOTIATIONS

Kent Grieder (Kenny Hamman) moved to recess into executive session at 9:55 p.m. for 15 minutes to discuss negotiations in order to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract with the Board and Superintendent present. Motion Passed. (7-0)

Clerk Redeker left the room.

At 10:10 p.m. President Grieder declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker returning.

Kent Grieder (Kenny Hamman) moved to recess into executive session at 10:11 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss negotiations in order to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract with the Board and Superintendent present. Motion Passed. (7-0)

Clerk Redeker left the room.

At 10:21 p.m. President Grieder declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker returning.

Kent Grieder (Kenny Hamman) moved to recess into executive session at 10:22 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss negotiations in order to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract with the Board and Superintendent present. Motion Passed. (7-0)

Clerk Redeker left the room.

At 10:32 p.m. President Grieder declared the meeting in open session with Clerk Redeker returning.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Argabright expressed keeping the family of Don Roberts in our thoughts and prayers. Don did a great job for the District and is greatly missed.

Board members were asked to bring their Policy handbooks to the June meeting to leave for updating.

Congratulations to the State Forensics and Music participants and sponsors!

Good Luck to our High School Track and Golf Teams as they go to League, Regional and State Meets.

Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors! We are proud of you!! Reminder: Diploma Presenters are: Olpe High School – Kent Grieder and Kevin Flott; Hartford High School – Kent Grieder and Bill Veatch; Neosho Rapids 8th Grade Promotion – Craig Clark and Kenny Hamman; and Olpe 6th Grade Promotion – Charles Steffes.

Honor Roll incentives have been distributed to the High Schools for those on the Honor Roll all four quarters. Local businesses will be utilized.

Thank you to the Staff and Parents for all their work on Prom and Graduation activities.

Please keep the Crawford family in your thoughts and prayers.

As requested, Superintendent Argabright checked into donations to students for pay-to-play or enrollment fees. They can't be given directly to the students for expenses but may be given to the Foundation and the Foundation awarding those donations. A sample form was presented.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Congratulations to the Hartford Seniors for \$65,000 given in scholarships and thanks to those who made it happen. Jeanette Schmidt reported that she had attended the Spring Regional meeting. It was very

informative but not well attended. Congratulations to the girls and boys teams out for track. They are going a great job. Congratulations to our Seniors! Board needs to “stay the course” in finishing this school and preparing for the next school year.

ADJOURNMENT

Kenny Hamman (Bill Veatch) moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion Passed. (7-0)

The meeting adjourned at 10:46 p.m.

Kent Grieder, *President*

Date

Brenda J. Redeker, *Clerk*

Date